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1925 K Street NW
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Attn: Ms. Phyllis Johnson – Ball: Environmental Comments Finance Docket #34391

Re: New England Transrail LLC Environmental Assessment Seeking to Establish a Class 3 Rail Carrier
and Construction of a Bulk Reload Center at 51 Eames Street, Wilmington, MA 01887

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

The Town of Reading has just become aware of a proposal to build the New England Transrail Facility on Eames Street in Wilmington. We became aware of this proposal on August 24, 2004. Because of the short time frame, we have not had a chance to fully review the environmental assessment and other documentation.

Activities in this part of Wilmington/Woburn as we know from direct experience related to the Woburn Superfund Site, can have a direct impact on the Town of Reading. Therefore, we request a 60 day extension of the comment period on this project so that Reading may fully review the proposal and its impact on this community. If we finish our review earlier than that 60 days, we would be happy to have the comment period shortened accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration. You may reach me at the above phone number or email address.

Sincerely,

Peter I. Hechenbleikner
Town Manager

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cc: Senator Kennedy
Senator Kerry
Representative Tierney
Representative Brad Jones
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